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SUBJECT: Report of Polling of DoD Offices Regarding Intelligence Inputs to Defense Planning.

- Recapitulation and summary of polling:
- a. There is a general consensus among all users questioned agreeing to the major points given below.
- b. The NIPP is widely used; its format, presentation of margin of uncertainty, and time span are acceptable.
- There is a critical need to have nationally agreed intelligence for planning. This is especially the case where the threat is to be included in documents and studies going to non-DoD agencies.
- d. It would appear that no one uses Section V (Manpower), there is minor use of Section IV (Nuclear), and scattered use only of Section VI (Economic and Costing).
- There is a growing need for intelligence projections regarding Communist China and Warsaw Pact Countries, but all agree that they should be limited in scope.
- f. While there is current satisfaction with the high-low by weapon system presentation, there is interest in seeing oth c approaches (alternative "bundles" of system by program, alternative total force projections, and net estimating). However, all agree that any experimental work should be performed concurrent with the production of the NIPP in its current form so'that there will be no break in the availability of intelligence for planning.
- g. There is a growing need for longer term projections and thus DIPTA production is eagerly awaited.
- There was general support for the Harris proposal that there be a new series published by DIA and CTA focusing on critical issues of intelligence projection.

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- 2. Recommendations for further actions:
- a. You should meet with John Bross and others from CIA to determine the DCI and CIA position with respect to:
 - (1) Continued use-of production of the NIPP, and
- (2) The extent of CTA willingness to participate in a NTPP and especially to concur in such a product.

(I talked to John Bross on Monday, 23 March 1970, telling him briefly of some of my findings and in particular the need for some form of national agreement to the projections. He is awaiting a call from you (or me) to initiate concrete discussion.)

- b. Arrange a meeting with the DDR&E, ASD(SA), and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to discuss with them the changes that are about to come about in the production of intelligence for planning.
- c. The organizational steps to be undertaken by DIA in its assumption of production of the NIPP are as outlined in the DIAAP-Y memorandum, C-189/AP-Y, 11 March 1970, a copy of which is appended.

1 Enclosure C-189/AP-Y DON R. HARRIS Consultant